Dear Friends,

The Chemeketa Foundation provides life-changing scholarships to deserving students who are committed to finding a better life through education. Your gifts help students succeed.

In 2013…

- 1,220 students applied for Chemeketa Foundation scholarships
- 327 scholarships were awarded
- $3,384 was the cost of tuition for a full-time student
- $1,200 was our average scholarship award

This data clearly illustrates student need. With your generosity, we can continue to make a positive impact by transforming the lives of our students and our region.

Thank you for keeping the Chemeketa Foundation on your list of giving priorities.

With gratitude,

Cheryl Roberts
President
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“This scholarship is a huge honor for me because it came from the Marion Polk Dental Society. I am pursuing my career in Dental Assisting and what better way to continue my education than with this scholarship. I am truly blessed to have this scholarship. It shows how much others want to see me succeed. Thank you!”

—Betssy, Marion Polk Dentl Society Scholarship, 2013

Betssy is proud to be the first in her family to attend college. One day, Betssy will teach the benefits of good oral health in communities, sharing her passion for dental hygiene. She dreams of giving back through international missions of Operation Smile and other community-based service.

4 out of 10 students are first generation college students
I was awarded the Joshua Paul English Memorial Scholarship. Learning about Joshua and his parents deepened my gratitude for this scholarship. The parents of Joshua wished to provide future opportunities for students like their late son. I found out that I have a lot in common with Joshua, having similar student leadership positions at the college, similar hobbies and a love for helping others. Thanks to my scholarship, I have the financial support I need and extra encouragement to continue to push me to excel.

—Makiah, Joshua Paul English Memorial Scholarship, 2013

Scholarships provide more than the financial means for students who might not otherwise be able to afford college. For students like Makiah, scholarships provide hope and encouragement.
“My scholarship has become a huge motivation for me to continue my hard work and make it to the finish. The feeling of being recognized for my efforts is incredible. When I opened up the award letter, it brought tears to my eyes! I cannot fully express my appreciation of this scholarship and I cannot say thank you enough. Your support will change my life.”

—Nicole, Salem Masonic Lodge #4 Scholarship, 2013

Receiving the Salem Masonic Lodge #4 Scholarship is proof for Nicole that hard work makes a difference. She juggles paying for college with her part-time job and maintaining her 4.0 GPA with full-time coursework. Nicole is on her way to becoming the first in her family to earn a bachelor’s degree. Her goal is to be fluent in Spanish and Italian in hopes of working with her community to help facilitate effective communication as an interpreter.
"Your support means so much. You have helped me to pursue my dream. You have given me hope that I will not have to get through college all on my own. Thank you."

—Niella, Chemeketa Foundation Student Scholarship, 2013

Niella works full time to pay her own way. It hasn't been easy to pay for college, but she is determined to become a dental assistant. This year, she received help. With this scholarship she plans to cut down on a few hours from work to focus more on school. Her dream of becoming a dental assistant is much closer because of this scholarship.

33% of Chemeketa students are students of color

Chemeketa is a college community enriched by the diversity of our students, staff and community members
“This scholarship lifts a burden for me so that I can afford safe, dependable child care while I am at school. I am a divorced mother of three children; child care is very costly. Now that I have help, I can continue with my education, the key to supporting my family.”

“I am proud to have been awarded this scholarship. Thank you so much for helping me to reach my dreams!”

—Aleta, Child Care Scholarship, 2013

You opened the door to education and a better future for students and their families with 100 child care scholarships.
“It really reminds me that all my hard work is noticed and it puts everything back into perspective. So, from me and all the other students who received awards, thank you! It really makes such a huge difference.”

—Shane, Brian Bay Emergency Service and Nate Turner Memorial Scholarships, 2013

Shane is going to be a fire fighter and ultimately, a Paramedic. He has learned that helping others makes a positive impact, motivating him to choose a career of service. Shane volunteers with a local fire department and is enrolled in Chemeketa’s nationally recognized Fire Program. “After going on calls I feel a sense of pride in giving back.” Because of your support, Shane could be the career fire fighter who answers your call for help in a time of need.
Willamette Valley Viticulture Scholarship

“Our goal is to support vineyards and wineries in their investment of educational opportunities for their employees,” says Dick Erath. “By training the next generation of vineyard managers and winemakers, we’re ensuring the success of this booming Oregon industry for years to come.”

Dick Erath and the Erath Family Foundation board care deeply about education and training the next generation of vineyard managers and winemakers. The board committed $60,000 toward the Willamette Valley Viticulture Scholarship. The scholarship will match 50/50 a vineyard or winery employer’s support of their employee/student up to $2,000 to help defray the cost of tuition and other educational costs.

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Organized in 1973, the Chemeketa Community College Foundation was formed to provide resources to support students that would not otherwise be available. The Foundation has evolved from a budget of $3,000 to offer small student loans to awarding $359,672 in scholarships in one year.

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